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Identical letters dated 10 March 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the attached resolution on nuclear disarmament adopted by the New Zealand Parliament on 23 February 2000 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 76, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Trevor HUGHES
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Resolution on nuclear disarmament adopted by the New Zealand Parliament on 23 February 2000

The Parliament of New Zealand resolves, relying upon:

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
- The final document of the first United Nations special session devoted to disarmament;
- The New Zealand Nuclear-Free Zone, Disarmament and Arms Control Act 1987;
- The unanimous finding of the International Court of Justice and its advisory opinion on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons that

  > "there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control";

- The unanimous report of the Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons;
- The (Eight) Foreign Ministers' Joint Declaration 1998;
- And the Nuclear-Test-Ban Act 1999;

as a mark of the dawning of the year 2000, to appeal to all fellow Member States of the United Nations, and especially the nuclear-weapon States, to join with New Zealand in fulfilling the obligation to pursue in good faith and to bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control; and that the text of this resolution be conveyed by the Government to each and every Member State of the United Nations by the most effective diplomatic means available; and that copies of the resolution be simultaneously communicated by the Government to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Security Council, the Chairman of the Conference on Disarmament and the President of the International Court of Justice; and that the Government of New Zealand work for the fulfilment of the obligation in all appropriate international forums.